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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

SUBJECT: Items of Information and Action

The following are several miscellaneous items of information and action.

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1. [REDACTED], OSA, advises me that the new flyers who have been selected, tested, etc., are now ready to be civilianized under the terms of their contracts. This group will be in on Wednesday, 7 November. It seems that some of these fellows are uneasy and apprehensive about severing their relations with the Air Force because apparently they are all established, dedicated career officers. While the formalized agreements seem to afford all practicable reassurance, I suppose it is still understandable why they might be uneasy about such a major decision. OSA is requesting, therefore, that if it is possible some effort be made by the DD/R and if you think appropriate some representative of the Director's office, to be able to meet and talk with these fellows for a little while. They have suggested Kirkpatrick on the basis that Mr. McCone probably will not be available, and that General Carter does not exactly represent the civilian status of the organization and his arrangements is not comparable to theirs. These fellows will be in all day on 7 November, however, the afternoon would be the best time for such a meeting if you agree and could arrange it.

2. There has been in existence for some time an arrangement by the Bell Telephone System wherein key officials in the Government are given priority treatment and instructions for helping them to get calls through in times of emergency when many circuits may be either out or overloaded. These individuals are provided with a card which enables them to identify their authority for this priority treatment. To date the Agency has only four such cards. In the last week or so it has been suggested that this number should be

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increased. I have discussed with the senior telephone supervisor in the Agency the feasibility of five such permits for the DD/R. I am not at all sure what the prospects of this many would be, but I think it is quite likely we can get at least two. I had indicated the following order of priority for these passes - Scoville, Giller, Ledford, [REDACTED] Miller. There is no way to predict how many more the Agency will try to get nor how many we will get of the number requested from the telephone company. In case you or Colonel Giller are approached on this subject, this will let you know what it is about. I would expect, however, that the next step is likely to be through me. Depending on the number obtained and the outcome of all this, we may of course want to reconsider the actual holders of these cards.

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3. A meeting was held a few days ago between our Security people, General Mac and [REDACTED] of the NRO, on the problem of improved communications systems, facilities and security. It was agreed that General Mac would detail an appropriate specialist to the NRO to study ~~our~~ ^{its} needs, advise on equipment, techniques, etc., and assist until such time as one of the Air Force signal officers could be cleared and brought into the project. General Mac had a specific Air Force recommendation, whom he said was fully knowledgeable ^{of capable} of handling the entire problem for the NRO as soon as he was briefed into the problem. In the interim, General Mac's man would give such guidance and assistance as possible. A COMSEC attachment will now be added to the security policy paper for NRO matters.

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